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THREE HUNDRED LIVES LOST TEN MILLION PROPERTY LOSS

GREAT SEAWALL SAVED CITY OF GALVESTON FROM DISASTER EQUAL TO THAT OF NINETEEN HUNDRED—LITTLE DAMAGE TO THE GREAT CEMENT BARRIER.

Loss of Life Along the Texas Coast is Estimated at Three Hundred, Mostly in Boats and Along the Docks—Property Loss is Estimated at Ten Million Dollars, Exclusive of Crop Losses, which Cannot be Estimated—Warnings of Approaching Storm Given out by Weather Bureau Saved Many—Water Famine in Galveston Continues Today, with City Under Martial Law and Water Being Apportioned Out to People—Nineteen Drowned at Brazos Life Saving Station, When Hotel Gave Way to Battering of Waves and Occupants Were Drowned—Dredges Reported Missing in Galveston Bay Had Many Persons on Board—Steamer at Port Oliver also Missing, with Thirty on Board—American Steamer Marowijne from British Honduras to New Orleans Probably Lost.

Galveston, Texas, Aug. 19.—The great seawall has saved the city from a disaster probably equal to that of 1900 became known today when a full investigation showed that the cement barrier had withstood the assaults of the 100-mile hurricane with only a few scratches and underminings.

The loss of life all along the coast may reach 300, and the property damage will total \$10,000,000 outside of the crop losses, which it is unable to estimate now. The heaviest loss of life here was in boats and along the docks. The people generally gathered in the strong buildings down town and escaped the rigors of the storm.

Ample warning given by the United States weather bureau prepared the citizens to take refuge before the gale burst upon the city Monday night.

The water famine continues and the people, who are under martial law, virtually have the water apportioned out to them.

The work, which has been done in the last fifteen years to raise the level of the island had its share in the salvation of the city. In one section in the residential district in the vicinity of Twenty-fifth and Avenue M, the water did not reach the first floors of the houses and even the household goods escaped damage.

One of the greatest losses to Galveston is the partial destruction of

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SUIT FILED AGAINST THE TRUSTEES

ED SOLDIER WANTS TO GET BACK INTO THE CONFEDERATE HOME — INVOKES AID OF THE COURTS.

General D. M. Halley, as chairman of the board of trustees of the state soldiers' home, together with the members of the old board, have been defendants in a mandamus suit to compel them to readmit Malcolm Ed into the home. Halley alleges his petition that he was admitted to the home in 1912 and was dismissed without cause by the superintendent and the board of trustees in 1914.

Ed further alleges that he is a boat means, and since his dismissal from the home he has been engaged in the sum of \$1,000, which he asks the court to grant, together with his re-admission into the home.

WEATHER FORECAST

New Orleans, La., Aug. 19.—The weather forecast for Oklahoma for tonight is rain; Friday cloudy, with rain in the eastern portion.

MORE MEXICANS AGREE TO PLAN OF CONFERENCE

VILLA AND GOVERNOR CANTU OF LOWER CALIFORNIA LATEST TO GIVE FAVORABLE RESPONSES TO PAN-AMERICAN APPEAL.

Washington, Aug. 19.—Further responses to the Pan-American appeal for a peace conference of the Mexican factions were received today, among which those of General Villa and Governor Cantu of Lower California were favorable.

The belief grows here that the Carranza reply will be a plea for the recognition of the Carranza government.

CHARGED WITH OPERATING DISTILLERY.

Muskogee, Okla., Aug. 18.—Tom and Owens Donaghue of near Hugo were brought to Muskogee by the federal authorities today, charged with operating an illicit distillery. They were bound over to the federal grand jury. Tom Donaghue is a justice of the peace in his neighborhood, having been elected on the socialist ticket.

NO MORE STRAW BONDS WILL BE ACCEPTED

COUNTY ATTORNEY SAYS EVERY BOND APPROVED MUST BE COLLECTABLE — LAW WILL BE ENFORCED.

County Attorney Hardy stated this morning that the subject of making bonds for people involved in the meshes of the law was looked upon altogether too lightly, and there had always been a disposition, in years past, to take almost any signature on a bond, so long as the name of the party was well known throughout the county, regardless of the fact that the signature was worth just that much ink and paper, and no more. He says in the future all bonds are going to be air-tight and gilt-edged, that can be collected immediately upon forfeiture, and that they would be forfeited immediately upon the case being called and the defendant failing to answer.

Mr. Hardy has already collected several bonds forfeited at the last term of district court, and stated this morning that he was going to do the same at the September term if the defendants failed to show. He states that he is doing this to curb the practice of good men going on just any one's bond who chances to ask them. A few heavy bonds paid by the bondsmen will, he believes, make it harder for a criminal to secure bond in this county in the future.

BUSINESS IS IMPROVING EVERY DAY

HOTEL MEN, THE BEST BAROMETERS, SAY THEY CAN SEE NOTHING BUT PROSPERITY AHEAD.

Hotel registers are pretty good indications to business conditions, and the registers of the local hotels show an increased amount of travel within the past three weeks. The proprietors are feeling the effect of it, and are satisfied that business conditions are better here now than they have been for some time.

The renewed activity in the oil fields has a healthy effect upon this city, and crop conditions were never better than they are at present. The recent rains have done wonders for the growing crops, and the best farmers of the county said this morning that if another rain does not come until after the cotton is all picked it will do no harm, as there is ample moisture in the ground to sustain all present crops and the wheat crop that will be sown this fall.

Merchants are all well pleased with the outlook and if nothing unforeseen intervenes, this section is about due for an unprecedented era of prosperity.

FRANKLIN RESTS CASE, UP TO INVESTIGATORS

Oklahoma City, August 18.—Some of the members of the committee assigned by the Oklahoma City Bar association to investigate as to the merits of the controversy between Governor Williams and myself are unknown to me," said Supreme Court Clerk W. A. Franklin this morning. "I did not confer with any of them about the situation in the office, but I believe they are after the facts and I think they will place the blame where it belongs. I am not afraid of the facts in the case for I know that I am right in this matter."

Franklin had been reading a copy of the Daily Ardmoreite, published by Sidney Suggs at Ardmore. An editorial in that publication criticized the governor's position and roundly scored the Oklahoma for defending his position.

Franklin said, he believes the Oklahoma's strictures were unfair, and he called attention to the Ardmoreite's suggestion that the governor set the example of reducing salaries in his own office before calling upon other departments to comply with his "cruel economy" policy.

DELINQUENT LIST WILL BE PUBLISHED

COUNTY TREASURER SAYS LAND OWNERS ARE RAPIDLY COMING TO THE FRONT WITH THEIR TAXES.

County Treasurer Yell stated this morning that the delinquent tax list of lands in Carter county would be published about the first of October, and that all who desired that their names should not appear thereon, had better come forward before that time and pay their taxes.

Mr. Yell stated that collections were good, and he hoped that the list would not be large, but, unless taxpayers come forward rapidly in the remaining time, it would be.

Mr. Yell further stated that in advertising the list he would include all lands that had been sold for taxes in the past, but which had never been paid out and a tax deed issued. He said there were many of these on his list that must be straightened out or they will be sold again.

COTTON CROP IN CENTRAL TEXAS RUINED

DAMAGE ESTIMATED TO RUN INTO MILLIONS OF DOLLARS—OPEN BOLLS PICKED CLEAN BY WIND AND RAIN.

Austin, Tex., Aug. 18.—Damage that will run into millions of dollars has been done to the cotton crop in Texas by the storms of Monday and Tuesday. Reports from towns in central Texas say that cotton open in the bolls, has been blown out of the bolls and beaten into the ground by the heavy rains which accompanied it.

It is said that 50 per cent of all the cotton in this section was open and that one-fourth to one-half of the open cotton was lost. On this calculation the damage will be from fifteen to twenty-five per cent of the entire cotton crop of central Texas.

TULSA AUTO OWNERS FACING PROSECUTION

Tulsa, Okla., Aug. 18.—Seventeen hundred owners of automobiles in Tulsa are threatened with prosecution by the city for their refusal to take out city license tags. Owners of cars paid a state tax under a recent act of the legislature, which is in lieu of all other taxes and are refusing to meet the demand of the city that they continue to pay a city license on penalty of prosecution for refusing to do so. A test case involving the constitutionality of the state law will be made. The city stands to lose about \$15,000 a year if the state law is upheld by the courts.

Judge is Prejudiced

Denver, Colo., Aug. 18.—The supreme court of Colorado today issued a writ of prohibition barring Judge Granby Hillyer from presiding at future trials resulting from disorders in the recent strike of coal miners.

The writ was granted on application of counsel for the United Mine Workers of America, who alleged that Hillyer was a former attorney for coal mining companies and therefore prejudiced against former strikers.

ARE YOU INTERESTED IN GOOD ROADS?

A supply of late "good roads" literature has just been received from the National Highway association at Washington, D. C., and I will be glad to give copies of same to anyone interested in the subject who will call at my office. SIDNEY SUGGS.

NORMAL RAIN- FALL EXCEEDED BY OVER INCH

33 INCHES IS NORMAL RAINFALL FOR THIS SECTION FOR THE YEAR. THIS HAS BEEN EXCEEDED BY NEARLY TWO INCHES.

The normal rainfall for this section is 33 inches per year, this has been exceeded by nearly two inches this season, with four and one-half months of the year left. The total rainfall up to this morning as registered at the local observatory has been 34.88 inches divided among the months as follows: January 1.53, February 2.31, March 2.77, April 6.52, May 5.84, June 9.73, July 1.66, August 4.52. The rainfall for the months of August, September, October, November and December of last year was 15.18 inches, as follows, August 6.58, September 2.46, October 0.95, November 1.34, December 4.74. If the record of last year is maintained for the rest of this year, it means over 50 inches of rain for this section.

WHITE STAR LINER ARABIC SUNK BY GERMAN SUBMARINE

UNOFFICIAL REPORT OF THE SINKING OF THE BIG LINER REACHED WASHINGTON LATE TODAY AND IT IS BELIEVED MANY PASSENGERS HAVE BEEN LOST.

State Department is Without Knowledge as to Whether Any of the Passengers Were Americans or Not—Vessel Left Liverpool Yesterday Bound for New York—Series of Reports About Sinking of Big Vessel Reached United States Thick and Fast this Afternoon. But it is Impossible to Verify Reports Other than that the Vessel Has Been Sunk—Ship Not as Large as the Lusitania, but Was One of the Atlantic's Floating Palaces—Sinking Occurred Near Fastnet—British Embassy in Washington Announces that Allies Have Agreed to Place Cotton on Contraband List—Germans Sink Small British Destroyer and British Cruiser with Torpedoes off West Coast of Jutland—Berlin Claims Damage Was Inflicted by Air Raid on London Tuesday Night.

TRINITY NEAR FLOOD STAGE AT DALLAS

WEATHER BUREAU THERE PREDICTS RIVER WILL REACH THE FLOOD STAGE BY SATURDAY—WARNINGS SENT OUT.

Dallas, Tex., Aug. 19.—The Trinity river, it is predicted by the weather bureau, will reach the flood stage of thirty feet in Dallas by Saturday. Warnings are being sent out to farmers in the lowlands of both forks of the Trinity to move out today and take their livestock, as both streams will be flooded within the next day or two. Twenty-five feet is expected in Dallas tonight.

PROMINENT CATHOLIC DEAD

Serafino Vannutelli, Dean of Sacred College, Dies in Rome

Rome, Aug. 19.—Serafino Vannutelli, dean of the sacred college, is dead here at the age of 81.

THE SOCIALIST ENCAMPMENT BEGAN TODAY

ADOLPH GERMER WILL TELL OF THE COAL STRIKES IN SPEECH TONIGHT. INCLEMENT WEATHER INTERFERES.

The socialist encampment was to have begun here this morning, but on account of the bad weather the first part of the program was not carried out. This afternoon Mrs. Jennie McGehe of Denver, Colorado, spoke on the subject "Socialism, What It Is and What It Is Not," and A. E. Blackwell spoke on the subject "The A B C of Socialism." At the meeting tonight Adolph Germer will talk on the subject "The Class Struggle." The meeting will begin at 8:30. Mr. Germer's talk will deal with the coal strikes in Colorado, Michigan, West Virginia and Arkansas. It was in Arkansas where Fred Holt, candidate for governor of Oklahoma on the socialist ticket was given a federal jail sentence of six months for contempt of court. Mr. Holt served five months of the time and was given one month for good behavior. He is now in western Oklahoma.

The convention here will extend over Saturday and if the rain interferes, efforts will be made to get a hall down town. From here the socialist workers will go to Sawyer, east of Hugo, where an encampment will be held. On the 27th and 28th of this month an encampment will be held in Marietta.

Washington, Aug. 19.—The sinking of the White Star Line steamship Arabic, probably by a German submarine, was reported unofficially late today, and it is believed that many passengers were lost.

The state department does not know if there were any Americans aboard the great passenger vessel, which left Liverpool yesterday bound for New York.

A series of reports of the sinking of the vessel came thick and fast shortly after noon today, but it was impossible to verify them until a late hour, when it became known that at least the vessel had gone down.

The ship was not as big as the Lusitania, but was known as one of the floating palaces of the Atlantic.

Reports say that the vessel was sunk near Fastnet.

More Ships Torpedoed.

Berlin, Aug. 19.—German torpedo boats sunk a small British destroyer and a British cruiser by torpedoing off the west coast of Jutland, says an official report today. The report also announces that in the aerial raid on London Tuesday night, important establishments in that city and on the Thames were bombarded with good results. The blast furnaces at Woodbridge and Ipswich were also bombarded.

Cotton to Be Contraband.

Washington, Aug. 19.—The British

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THE RAINFALL IS NEARLY FOUR INCHES

NEARLY TWO INCHES REGISTERED AT GAUGE SINCE YESTERDAY MORNING — SLIGHT MIST TODAY.

The rainfall for the past forty-eight hours has nearly reached the four-inch mark,—just 3.71 inches, to be correct. The gauge at the local observatory this morning at seven o'clock showed 1.96 inches.

A slight mist was falling this morning, with indications of fair weather in the future. The wind that accompanied the storm during the night did slight damage to fruit and shade trees but nothing serious has been reported.

The roads in the country are in bad shape, and much of the temporary work done before the storm will have to be done over. The rain has been of inestimable value to growing crops, cotton, late corn and feed crops.

VOLCANO ACTIVE

Messina, Sicily, Aug. 19.—Stromboli volcano is in eruption, and lakes of fire are being formed between the mountain and the sea.